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## Criminal Syndicalism Charges Brought In Sacramento Court

Vagrancy Cases Continue; Demurser Won On Four C. S. Charges

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Aug. 23.—While the trials of twenty-four workers here on framed-up charges of vagrancy continue, Neil McAllister, district attorney, is re-writing his charges by which he hopes to railroad seventeen of the workers to jail for from six to eighty-four years each on criminal syndicalism, and will return them to court tomorrow, beginning what is the most vicious attack on working class organizations in years.

The vagrancy cases, already two weeks in court, are expected to last another week. Martin Wilson, Lorine Norman, Albert Houghard, Pat Chambers, Harry Colleentz, Jack Crane and Fisher have all been tried. The prosecution witnesses, almost entirely police, have testified in the attempt to prove that they were seen "roaming about with no lawful business," whereas, in the case of Fisher, it was brought out that he was not "roaming about" but selling papers. The defendants have so far not entered any defense, but, since they are being tried as a group, will present their evidence all at the same time at the end. The judge is doing what he can to aid the prosecutor, even at one time trying to prevent (Continued on Page 3, Col. 8)

## New Victory Won Against Vag "Trials"

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—Another big victory was won in the fight against railroad workers to prison on trumped-up vagrancy charges when a jury in Judge Ames' court yesterday acquitted Harold Johnson, and after three hours' deliberation voted nine to three for acquittal on Theresa Landale and Sam Printz.

After coming out at the end of an hour, they were sent back again to arrive at a verdict on the last two defendants. But after two more hours, so raw was the attempt at frame-up, that they returned without any change. Judge Ames then ordered a retrial. Date has not been set.

During the trial Ames made many efforts to aid the prosecution, ruling out as immaterial checks received by Theresa Landale for various short stories and a novel she is writing and which were evidence that she is not vagrant. As in the previous case, the vag charge was but a peg on which it was hoped to hang a conviction for political opinions. But, as in the cases of Louise Todd and Ida Rothstein, it did not hold.

The three other young workers arrested, in the same raid on a private home, David Lyon, Jack Olson and William Neuman, will come up for trial later. The wave of frame-ups, when workers were railroaded a month ago, is breaking down under the nationwide protest that has been roused.

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### \* Western Worker Suit.

The damage suits against the police for the wrecking of 37 Grove street, offices of the Western Worker; 1223 Fillmore and 65 Jackson street, the Marine Workers' Industrial Union Hall, are scheduled to begin again tomorrow, Aug. 24. In the meantime the cleaning up of 37 Grove street is about completed and the Election Campaign Committee and the Western Worker will move in at once. With police still maintaining a blockade on the M.W.I.U. hall, delegations of seamen are being formed to protest to Mayor Ross, Chief of Police Quinn, demanding the right of the men to belong to any union they choose, be recognized. All workers and organizations are appealed to to send protests in this fight.

Today the case of Joe Silva, charged with assault with a deadly weapon for defending himself bashed during the police attack on Bloody Thursday on the waterfront, comes up before Superior Court Judge Jacks. Silva was badly beaten both during the police attack and later in the Harbor Emergency Hospital, and the attempt to frame him is one of the most vicious yet seen.

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### Write His Name!



John E. Williams (Pat Chambers), Communist candidate for U.S. Senator, is among the seventeen workers facing criminal syndicalism charges.

### I.L.A., Seamen union Officials Try Stop Rank and File

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—A vicious campaign of treachery against the marine workers is being carried out by employers along the entire Pacific Coast. A.F. of L. officials are playing a leading part, cooperating with their bosses in efforts to break the ranks of the workers, weed out militants and weaken the rank and file generally. Meanwhile, President Roosevelt's arbitration board dilly dallies around, stretching out investigations and giving the employers time so that when they finally make decisions, they can have some hope of putting over a sell-out on the workers.

Police continue to blockade the hall of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union in San Francisco to try to halt the growth of militant organization. Delegations of seamen are being formed to protest to Mayor Rossi and Chief Quinn demanding the right of the workers to belong to any organization of their own choosing. The M.W.I.U. calls on all workers and organizations to send or phone protests to the City Hall and the police station supporting their demands.

Officials of the International Seamen's Union are taking in checks on the payment of ten dollars "fine" in addition to initiation, dues, etc.

The Masters, Mates and Pilots union is being betrayed by much the same tactics. Crews of inexperienced officers who take ships to Portland find themselves fired and (Continued on Page 3, Col. 5)

### \$100,000,000 For 24 Warships As Millions Starve

BIG NAVY CONSTRUCTION BEGUN; ARMY AIR FORCE TO MAKE DEMANDS

### 3000 Jobless Demand Relief At Phoenix

ARIZ. JOBLESS CALL NEW DEMONSTRATION AT STATE CAPITOL ON AUGUST 27th

PHOENIX, Ariz., Aug. 22.—Launching swiftly into its program for building the biggest navy in the world in preparation for a new imperialist slaughter, the Roosevelt administration today let contracts for \$100,000,000 for battleships to be begun immediately.

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The contracts were signed by Acting Secretary of the Navy Henry L. Roosevelt. Secretary Swanson, who sponsored the big drive which culminated in the cleanup of 37 Grove street is about completed and the Election Campaign Committee and the Western Worker will move in at once. With police still maintaining a blockade on the M.W.I.U. hall, delegations of seamen are being formed to protest to Mayor Ross, Chief of Police Quinn, demanding the right of the men to belong to any union they choose, be recognized. All workers and organizations are appealed to to send protests in this fight.

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### Last Communist Call For Primaries

This is the last call before the Tuesday primaries. Because the Communist Party has only one set of candidates nominated, that does not mean that Communist supporters are not interested in the primaries.

We have many important tasks to accomplish!

1) A large vote of registered Communists will strengthen the fight for our Party's legality, and to stay on the ballot. Show them that every registered Communist defies their fascist attempt.

2) Through technicalities, Pat Chambers, leader of the agricultural workers in California and the workers' nominee for U.S. Senator has been kept off the ballot. IF WE GET A LARGE NUMBER OF WRITE-INS FOR PAT CHAMBERS, HE WILL STILL BE ON THE BALLOT FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. Write-in "JOHN E. WILLIAMS" (legal name for Pat Chambers).

3) There are many workers' candidates for local offices, as in Sacramento and Richmond. VOTE FOR THEM! All those who registered "Decline to State" can vote for these candidates as well as for Gallagher.

4) Of all the candidates for Judges, THE WORKERS HAVE ONLY ONE—LEO GALLAGHER. DO NOT VOTE FOR ANY OTHERS. IN ORDER TO BE ON THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER, GALLAGHER MUST BE ONE OF THE TWO HIGHEST RUNNING FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE STATE SUPREME COURT. Gallagher is the only judicial candidate endorsed by the Communist Party. A large vote for him will mean a great victory for the rights of assemblage, free speech and free press in California.

5) Many of our candidates are in prison. Among them the most widely known leaders of the California workers. They include Pat Chambers, Caroline Decker, Albert Houghard, Stanley Hancock and Nora Conklin. Many of them face long prison sentences. In addition to being deprived of the right to conduct their election campaign, a large vote registered for them will at the same time demand their release. If will be a tremendous force in their defense.

6) There are many congressional and state legislature candidates, who have been kept off the ballots. In all cases, follow the appeals of the local Communist election campaign committees, and WRITE THEM IN.

The above are six very important tasks. A great deal depends upon the force we put behind each.

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# The Communist Party Platform In The California Election Campaign

## For Immediate Demands For A Workers' and Farmers' Government.

Issues of tremendous importance are at stake in these 1934 elections. Despite all the ballyhoo propaganda in this second year of the New Deal there are about eight hundred thousand unemployed workers in the State of California. Those of us who are employed have had our standard of living greatly lowered. The farmers are rapidly losing their land. The middle class is being pauperized, and professional and intellectual people who have spent years fitting themselves for a profession find that there is no room for them.

In this election there are two *white* class forces. On the one hand, the capitalist class, which has a variety of parties, such as the Republican, Democratic, Socialist and other parties, who make a pretense of differences amongst themselves, but only confuse and mislead the voters into continued support of the capitalist system.

We nominate candidates with the object of electing them into office where they will represent and fight for the betterment of conditions for the masses, and especially will open up everything that happens in our State and Federal governments to the view of the masses, and thus eliminate

the graft and corruption that now exists. To immediately improve conditions, we demand the following:

### For the Employed:

1. A minimum universal pay increase of 20 per cent to meet the rising cost of living. A six-hour day and five-day week with corresponding raises in pay to insure against any reduction in total income.

2. Abolition of child labor, and cash subsidy to support children who are now forced to work for a living.

3. Exemption from taxes on homes of all workers whose equity is under \$3,000.00, rate of taxation to graduate from that amount upwards.

4. Immediate abolition of the sales tax.

5. Union wage on all public works projects with equal rights of Negro, Mexican, Chinese, Japanese and Filipino people to work.

6. Equal pay for equal work without discrimination as to age, sex, race or citizenship.

7. All taxation to be abolished, or at least decreased, for those having incomes under \$3,000. To make up the difference, all corporate and big private incomes to be increasingly taxed.

### For the Farmers:

1. Prohibition of foreclosures on homes and land of all impoverished farmers. No stopping of water or power because of inability to pay.

2. Exemption from all taxes of all farms whose annual net income does not equal the value of the labor time of the farmer at prevalent average trade union rates in the county seat.

3. Reduction of all power rates by 50 per cent on all farms directly worked by owners.

4. Bill H. R. 7598, which provides for unemployment and social insurance at the expense of the employers and the government, and immediate payment of the veterans' bonus.

5. Pending adoption of these bills, for immediate cash relief, without discrimination as to age, sex, race or citizenship.

6. Pending adoption of these bills, for immediate cash relief,

without discrimination against Negro, Mexican, Oriental, foreign-born, or any other workers, at ten dollars weekly and \$3.00 for each dependent.

7. Stopping of all evictions, foreclosures on homes and gas, light and water shut-offs, because of inability to pay.

### Against Capitalist Terror

1. Immediate release of Mooney, Billings, McNamara and all class-war prisoners. Repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism law. Abolition of vagrancy laws, and all other anti-labor legislation, including the antipicketing ordinances. Immediate disarming of all rancher vigilantes, and other bosses' thugs, or the right of workers to arm in self-defense.

2. Unrestricted right to meet, organize, strike and picket and the abolition of all company blacklists and stoolie-pigeon systems, particularly in the public utilities, the railroad and marine industries.

3. Abolition of all legal and practical discrimination against Negro, Oriental and Mexican people.

as to residence, social life, political rights and hiring of workers.

4. Stopping deportation of foreign-born workers.

5. Right to vote for all soldiers, sailors, migratory and other workers now without franchise.

### Against Imperialist War

1. Stopping of all export of munitions to the Far East, and the use of all war funds for unemployment relief.

2. The schools should not be used for anti-labor, anti-Communist and pro-war agitation, or compulsory military training.

3. All Nazi ships should be prohibited from landing or trading in U. S. ports.

The winning of these demands is imperative towards any serious improvement in the conditions of the masses. However, we can achieve far more to improve conditions. We have only to look to the Soviet Union, where they have completely abolished unemployment and hunger, and where, with much poorer resources than

the U. S. has, the workers already have and are on the way to having a still better condition of affairs. The demands listed above are only a part of what the Soviet Union has already won. The ultimate aim of our movement is to achieve in these United States a government of workers, farmers, soldiers, and sailors councils, where all the workers themselves are directly in control of affairs, and where there is no rule by such a corrupt bureaucracy as we are now suffering in the State of California, and throughout the nation.

A vote for the candidates of the Communist Party is a vote for an immediate revolutionary improvement in conditions, and a shift of the burden in the present economic crisis to the exploiting capitalist class. A vote for the Communist ticket is a vote for the eventual overthrow of the entire capitalist system and all its accompaniment of misery and suffering, and substitution by a workers' and farmers' government.

# Vote For Communist Candidates, and For Leo Gallagher

## Police, Courts Unite Against Negro Worker

A. STEVENS, LEADER OF JOBLESS, IS BEATEN, FRAMED, DENIED BAIL

OAKLAND, Calif., Aug. 20.—How capitalist justice discriminates not only against workers but against races is shown in the case of Augustus R. Stephens, "Steve," a Negro worker known to hundreds of East Bay residents for his efforts in behalf of the unemployed, was in the Workers' Center at 22nd and Grove when it was raided by the police on July 16. He is now in jail charged with assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a penalty of one to ten years in the penitentiary.

Stephens is the victim of the rankest discrimination and prejudice. He was entirely defenseless when set upon by the police, having no weapon whatever. Just before the raid Stephens was not even in the hall, but was in the living room upstairs. Hearing the noise, he descended the steps and was attacked by the "bulls" as he opened the door into the landing. So brutally was he beaten that bystanders declared no man could live after such punishment.

Not only was Steve singled out by the police for special "treat men," but the "impartial" court also did its part. Although \$9,000.00 worth of property was offered for bail of \$2,250.00 cash in Judge Wood's court last Saturday, August 18, the honorable judge found fault, disqualifying two bonders because he doubted that their property was worth the full value! And when the Defense Committee for Workers' Civil Rights offered equal equity from another bond present, the judge complained that the committee was wasting his time.

All the others jailed at the same raid had lighter charges, and their cases have been either acquittals, dismissals, or suspended sentences. But Stephens has been beaten, charged with felony, and refused release on bail—because he happens to be a Negro as well as a militant worker.

This discrimination must be answered! "Black and White, Unite and Fight." Every reader of the Western Worker must rally support for the Stephens case! Send in protests at once to the City Hall, and to Judge Wood.

**Miles G. Humphreys**  
Candidate for SHERIFF, Alameda County.

I was born and lived most of my life in California. My ancestors are all here.

Like all who come from a working-class family, I knew the conditions of the workers from childhood. I was firing a locomotive on the Santa Fe railroad while still in my teens.

In 1914 I joined the Socialist Party, but withdrew soon after when many of the leaders supported the World War. Among these "socialist" militarists was Upton Sinclair. I had no quarrel with the German workers and had no desire to kill them to make millions for Morgan and Mellon, and the rest of the moneybags.

Recently I have been trying to organize the fight against the anti-labor ordinance 281 and 282, passed by the vicious Alameda Board of Supervisors. The Charities Commission, the Board of Supervisors, the CWA bosses all know me well because of the number of committees I have served on and acted as spokesman for in the fight against shutdowns of gas, lights, water and evictions. This fight, I will continue even stronger if elected—it is a basic part of the Communist Party's platform on which I stand.

**PROGRAM FOR SHERIFF**

1. Responsible, militant workers to be deputized when necessary in order for them to defend themselves against vigilantes and other reactionary elements.

2. Strikers and pickets to be deputized instead of thugs, scabs, and other criminal elements.

3. No breaking up of workers' homes by evictions for inability to pay rent or meet mortgage payments.

4. No workers' homes to be sold for delinquent taxes.

## VOTE FOR THEM!

## Protest Cancellation Of Use Of Schools for Workers Meeting

OAKLAND, Aug. 21.—About the end of June the Communist Party got permits for the use of several Oakland school buildings for election meetings. By law the school board is obliged to give their use to all who ask, without discrimination based on political opinions. However, as later events showed, the permits were granted only because no decent excuse could be invented at the time to refuse the permits.

These meetings in the schools were well attended. At one meeting there were over one hundred and twenty-five workers, and at another over one hundred. Stool pigeons at each of these meetings had to report that the workers approved the candidates' programs, and many of them left their names as interested in hearing more about the Communist Party.

**\* Demand Right to Use Buildings**  
The issue is now clear. Shall we allow the business manager of the Board of Education to the use of the schools were carefully observed in all these meetings, so that there would not be the shadow of an excuse to disintegrate the permits. Although the letter of the Business Manager to Comrade Humphreys declares that some permits were cancelled because of improper use of the school buildings, not only was there no improper use of the school buildings, but also this is the first notice that has been given.

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Paris, famed center of modern art, has opened an exhibit displaying the most advanced expression of capitalist culture. It consists of a series of carefully constructed wax figures depicting the various stages of swelling, coloring and disfiguring suffered by victims of gas attacks. This pageant of agony is intended to frighten citizens into participating in war preparations. It is interesting to compare this show with other examples of extreme modern art which depict the various stages of asininity, perversion and insanity suffered by "intellectuals" under the influence of bourgeois society.

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While the boss rides 'round in a new straight eight;

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Where you're wages dwindle as the banks inflate;

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While marching the world to a war of hate;

If you're ready to set the whole mess straight;

If you're ready to fight, to build, create

A workers' world and a workers' State;

DARCY'S THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATE.

## Portland Workers Stop Deportation of Oscar Mannisto

PORLAND, Ore., Aug. 15.—The deportation train left Portland this morning, again without Oscar Mannisto, the Astoria worker who has been detained in Oregon for the last three and a half years through the efforts of the International Labor Defense. The defense succeeded in getting a writ of habeas corpus, with a hearing on September 24.

Manisto, a native of Finland, was taken on a charge of criminal syndicalism when government officers raided the Finnish paper, the *Toyer*, more than three and a half years ago in Astoria.

Mannisto's deportation was being hurried because of the impending strike situation in Astoria in hopes of striking fear in those intending to strike. The immigration department has used this hurry-up action many times during strike conditions, especially during the recent waterfront strike when they have attempted to deport foreign-born strikers. But through the efforts of the International Labor Defense such action has been blocked.

The capitalist reports, while acknowledging that the Communists were an active force in the strike, state that the bulk of the strike came from the Catholics and Jews because of religious persecution. This is really only to play down the Communist victory.

## SACCO-VANZETTI MEET FIGHTS FOR JAILED WORKERS

### Merriam Refuses To Consider Mooney Pardon

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 22.—Filling the main auditorium of the Cultural Center, 650 workers tonight shouted their determination to keep alive the memory of Sacco and Vanzetti by carrying on the fight for defense of workers today.

Called by the International Labor Defense the meeting voiced demands for the freedom of Ernst Thaelmann, Tom Mooney, Angelo Herndon, the Scottsboro boys and the victims of the capitalist terror in jails throughout California.

Pettis Perry, district organizer of the I.L.D. and Communist candidate for Lieutenant Governor of California, was the principal speaker.

Tom Sharpe, seaman whose leg was broken in the San Pedro jail, was given a huge ovation when he related the brutality received on all sides by strikers.

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## Editorial Column

## Cotton Picking Soon

Roosevelt's latest favor is to the banks and growers interested in cotton. Loans will be granted by the government at 12 cents on a pound. A rise of 2 cents over last year's price. This has the double effect of assuring a profit to cotton growers, and secondly it will enable them to hold out with their cotton until such time as they could get the highest price for it. While for the consumer it will mean higher priced garments.

The small grower will not benefit very much. He works for a bank or gin to whom the cotton is already contracted. They will reap the profit, not he. And they have more ways than one in doing so. They pile up charges for every process that the cotton goes through, and when it's all over, the small farmer is left no further ahead, and is fortunate if not further in debt.

Last year's cotton strike brought out the plight of the small farmer very vividly. As the struggle progressed many small farmers saw that their interest demands a joint struggle with the agricultural workers. The strikers, in addition to demanding an increase in wages, also demanded an increase in the prices paid to the farmers, at the expense of the banker's and cotton gin company's profits.

Last year's strike resulted in a 25 per cent increase for the workers. But it is bringing gains for this year as well. THE GROWERS ARE IN FEAR OF ANOTHER ONE and are reported to have already set the scale at 90 cents a hundred. Last year it was 75 cents. A conference of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers' Union in the San Joaquin cotton region, set the demands at \$1.00 a hundred pounds and at \$1.25 for the second picking. At \$1.00 a hundred workers will still average no more than \$2.00 a day.

There isn't a cotton picker in California who has not gone through that memorable strike. The workers know what to do. They will follow the call of the C. & A. W. I. U. as they come into the fields, and join the locals. If this is carried out in the same manner as last year, the growers will submit and pay the dollar. They know that they are dealing with workers who mean to carry through the fight. Nor will they be able to set up the howl that they cannot afford to give the increase.

## Arizona Farmers Pick Wrong Fight

One of the worst by-products of the capitalist crisis is that race hatred is being increasingly fanned in this country. The latest is the order that 1,000 Japanese farmers in Salt River Valley, Arizona, sell their lands and get out by Saturday. From all indications a Southern mob spirit will be whipped up to put this into effect.

A few weeks ago in Philadelphia, a grocer kicked a pregnant Negro woman in the stomach when she protested discrimination in a sale. This was the signal for martial law in that Negro neighborhood, and arrest of many Negro people.

To direct the indignation of the impoverished masses into channels that would rather produce race riots than a common front against the capitalists and landlords, is an old trick. This is the reason that American capitalist-controlled culture provides for instilling race superiority ideas into people from the cradle on.

In the case of Arizona, an alien land law was fished out, which prohibits foreign-born Orientals from buying or leasing land. But it is strange how such laws are discovered when times get worse for farmers. This directs them to fight the "yellow peril" instead of the capitalist peril, or to organize to demand from the government such projects and subsidies as will really help the farmer. Furthermore, it's a good means through which to keep alive the hatred of the Japanese, for at any moment we may be called to the colors to "save" the whole world from the "yellow peril." Didn't a similar "jrit from the Hun"? Undoubtedly linked with this plot to evict the farmers off their own farms are a number of banks who stand ready to grab the bargains due to forced sales.

However, the Japanese government is reported to be seriously interested in this discrimination against its subjects. But Japan is not interested in the welfare of its subjects. The fact is that the Japanese imperialists have driven hundreds of thousands of their lands in Manchuria. In Japan proper, most of the farmers are subjects of a few large landlords. JAPAN IS EQUALLY INTERESTED IN UTILIZING THE AFFAIR FOR WHIPPING UP AN ANTI-AMERICAN HATRED AS ONE OF THE PRE-REQUISITES FOR WAR. This is the reason that reprisals are threatened against U. S. interests in Manchuria.

Workers and the poor farmers have no reason for a struggle among themselves on national or color lines. All are exploited by the bankers, capitalists and landlords.

If there are small farmers in the Salt River Valley who fall for the policy of evicting the Japanese farmers, it is only because they have been inculcated with the race hatred poison by the rich and their politicians in that region.

They have nothing to gain through such method. Tomorrow the small white farmer will find himself bankrupt and kicked off his farm. The solution is to organize together irrespective of color, nationality, or creed for protection against the banks, gins, railroads, power or water companies.

## East of the Rockies

## Typhoid Threatens Drouth Area.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Scarcity of water necessary for sewage disposal combined with the presence of thousands of dead animals brings the threat of a typhoid epidemic to the drouth area, 1,120 cases being reported up to July 30.

## Threatened Strike Wins NRA Concessions.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Seeking to avert the threatened general strike of the United Textile Workers, Roosevelt hastened to sign an amendment to the cotton garment code reducing working hours from 40 to 36 and calling for a 10 per cent wage increase. Thus a tool is provided the labor faker MacMahon and the Socialist Party leader Emil Rieve in their efforts to betray the strike vote of rank and file delegates. By this maneuver it is hoped to break the ranks of the workers who will ultimately be obliged to resort to their strike weapon in order to enforce concessions granted on paper but not put into effect.

## Plan to Shackle Labor With Fascist Chains.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Employers' organizations, including the National Association of Manufacturers, the National Association of Credit Men, are making plans to bind labor hand and foot by suppressive legislation to be railroaded through Congress at the next session. This dries results from failure of the boss-controlled labor fakers of the A. F. of L. to effectively dominate the unions and combat rank and file leadership. Results of the coming A. F. of L. convention in San Francisco are expected to further weaken the hold of misleaders.

## Illinois Militia Pledges Worker Solidarity.

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—In one company in the Eighth Regiment, Illinois National Guard, two-thirds of the men voted to refuse duty should they be called out against the workers.

## 3,000 Greet Herndon At Harlem Meeting.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Three thousand workers, Negro and white, packed Rockland Palace, Harlem, to the doors and greeted the heroic young Negro leader, Angelo Herndon, in a thundering ovation. Mass protest rallied by the International Labor Defense forced the release of Herndon from the Atlanta prison on \$15,000 bail, stayed the hand of lynch terror, and brought him safely up to New York. More than 7,000 workers thronged Pennsylvania Station on his arrival.

## AAA Considers Further Crop Destruction.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—Despite tremendous ravages of the drought, mass poverty of millions of farmers and the diminished buying power of wages as food prices soar, farm administration officials have announced that they have under serious consideration the limitation of wheat production another 2 million acres in 1935. This announcement is made not only in order to minimize the serious consequences of the drought and soothe the public mind, but because crop destruction, although inflicting misery on the masses, provides a rich field of speculation for the capitalists.

## Workers Clubbed at Eviction Struggle.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Aug. 23.—Two hundred workers were clubbed by police when they massed to prevent the eviction of an unemployed family. Four were arrested. Workers marched to the police station and forced the release of two women. Delegates visited the Mayor demanding the cessation of all evictions.

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## The Great West Coast Marine Strike

PART 4.

(By SAM DARCY.)

## June 16th Fakers' Agreement Repudiated By Rank and File—General Strike Move

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Finally, the close to three thousand men gathered in the hall allowed him the three minutes, but he was interrupted constantly, and finally had to quit. As against that, Harry Bridges, accepted leader of the militants, and branded in the press as an outstanding Red, and an alien (an Australian by birth) was warmly received with a splendid ovation, and every proposal he made in the name of the strike committee was carried. This included a rank-and-file negotiations committee—the final link completing the original plan for Strike Committee leadership. Under the impetus of this momentum, 1,000 seamen, under I.S. U. auspices, held a meeting that night, and repudiated the policies of their leaders and voted for a united front with the Marine Workers' Industrial Union. The next day the I.S.U. fakers declared the meeting unconstitutional, because it was not limited only to paid-up members, and demanded the unseating of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union in the Central Strike Committee. The M.W.I.U. representatives offered "not to stand in the way of unity" and would withdraw. This was an error which the fakers took advantage of, and expelled the M.W.I.U. On June 17, a paid-up membership meeting of the I.S.U. again reversed the fakers and voted for a united front with the M.W.I.U. The I.S.U. fakers were able, because of the weakness of the militants, to frustrate the efforts of the membership towards a united front. Most of our difficulties in this connection were due to our failure to organize a strongly effective I.S.U. opposition.

\* Northwest Militant.

That same day, news came that Portland, Tacoma, and Everett had followed in the same spirit as San Francisco. In Los Angeles, because of the weakness of the militant group, it was voted, by a small majority, to accept the Ryan plan. This, however, is ineffective because they did not have the two-thirds majority as required by the West Coast constitution, and because the rest of the Coast outweighed them. Ryan, however, still at the service of the shipowners, immediately rushed to San Pedro where the weakest link might be broken. In Seattle, however, Ryan had previously made a break with the Alaska ships. He was able to confuse the workers into concluding a sep-

arate agreement with them. The weakness of the militant group made it possible for him to get away with it. However, subsequently, a considerable reaction took place, and following the Ryan fiasco of June 16, the Alaskans again came out.

Holman, former reactionary president of the San Francisco local of the I.L.A. and now expelled, tried to form a separate union, but he did not even succeed in getting the signatures of ten bond fides longshoremen in order to get recognition as a minority union under the provisions of the NRA. In the meantime, the shipowners were losing in the San Francisco port alone \$109,000 daily, according to their own statement. In addition, \$700,000 was lost daily in other business which is interconnected.

How long the shipowners would hold out under this terrific loss was hard to tell. They were doing their best to mobilize sentiment by spreading rumors that "this is really a strike to seize governmental power." As against this, the strikers' ranks were still solid. In San Francisco only 6 or 8 longshoremen were scabbing out of about 4,000. There were many more scabs than these, but they were imported from else-

where. As many as 170 ships were tied up in the harbor, giving testimony to the effectiveness of the strike. Whether the men would win or not depended on whether the strike movement would spread and rise in militancy. The Communist Party therefore marshalled all its forces and laid careful plans for winning the workers to go on a General Strike. The I.L.A. strike committee issued the call asking other locals to respond. The Machinists Local 68, the Painters Local No. 1158 and a few others answered the call in the next few days, and in the next week or so the rest of the locals were to vote on the question. The referendum went over the heads of the Central Labor Council, which ruled the question out of order in successive meetings, and quickly adjourned for fear the fakers would not be able to hold the ranks in the face of the demand of the rank and file.

\* Open Shop Fight.

The attitude of the bourgeois press regarding the situation at that moment is shown by the leading editorial in the San Francisco News of June 18:

"Events have proven otherwise. Every thoughtful citizen of San Francisco has been impressed with the sincerity and depth of the men's determination and sense of grievance.

"But this does not alter our conviction that they must act now to profit from their initial advantage.

"A war to the finish might easily grow into the worst disaster for San Francisco since the fire of 1906. It would mean lost lives and broken families, and defeat would deal a blow to the cause of unionism from which it would take years to recover."

The victory of the strike would be a tremendous advance for the whole working class. It would establish the right of militant leaders to function within the A. F. of L. It would make impossible the elimination of the militants from the industry. It would give courage to the whole working class of the West to fight for demands similar to those of the longshoremen, and above all, it would establish for the first time in the history of the United States, absolute solidarity between longshoremen and seamen, and a large measure of solidarity with the rest of the working class.

\* Great Mass Meeting.

On June 19, the end of the sixth week of the maritime strike, in the Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, and under the joint auspices of all striking unions, a gigantic mass meeting took place. After a stubborn fight the Marine Workers' Industrial Union was included in the conduct of the meeting. Comrade Harry Jackson, who spoke, was warmly received. Also, all the other strikers who got the greatest ovation were those who had been labelled and are known throughout the city and among the strikers as the "Red leaders." Ryan asked to speak, but was refused. Those speakers not known as "Reds" were well-received but not in the same thunderous spirit, and at least one faker who wriggled on his way to the speaker's list was received with boos.

Mayor Rossi, in his speech, spoke for everyone supporting the A. F. of L. This was received with tremendous boos all over the hall. The political significance of this lay in the maturing understanding of the masses who began to understand the role of the officialdom of the A. F. of L., despite the fact that this strike was technically being led by the A. F. of L. affiliate.

\* International Longshoremen's Association.

The hall was jammed, every seat having been taken and most of the aisles crowded. There were between eighteen and twenty thousand people present. The height of the meeting was reached when John Delaney, the best known militant on the waterfront, and called a Communist leader in all the press, which also gave publicity to his record as a Communist activist, called for a general strike. This brought the whole audience to its feet in a thunderous demonstration.

This meeting showed the strike at this date had not yet reached the height of its militancy, and the movement towards a general strike was possibly too slowly, yet undoubtedly, moving forward.

(To be continued in next issue.)

Strikes continue to spread in the TEXTILE INDUSTRY while reactionaries of the United Textile Workers' Union Executive Board are struggling to avert a general strike throughout the whole country. Thomas MacMahon, labor faker who heads the board, and Emil Rieve, Socialist Party leader, are openly cooperating toward betrayal of the militant rank-and-file delegates who have already voted for the calling of the strike.

Fearing the growing strength of the organized unemployed massing to protest inadequate relief and the threatened exhaustion of all relief funds, PHILADELPHIA POLICE have instituted a reign of terror against UNEMPLOYED COUNCILS.

Strike sentiment is rising in the mills of the REPUBLIC STEEL CO., YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, as the company repudiates a previous agreement and refuses to recognize the AMALGAMATED ASSOCIATION OF IRON, STEEL AND TIN WORKERS.

Fifty workers, representing 2,100 RELIEF WORKERS in LYNN, MASS., marched 13 miles to the State Administrator's office in BOSTON to protest a wage cut amounting to \$4 a week. The administrator, Carney, refused to see the delegation. The men are now preparing to strike.

Ohio Onion workers are struggling against conditions of poverty unparalleled in the country, being obliged to live in miserable huts. Women and children have neither shoes, stockings nor underwear. The children are thin and stunted from malnutrition.

## 21 In S. F. Prison Demand Real Food; Back Their Fight

JAILED WORKERS, SICK FROM ROTTEN FOOD, ASK SUPPORT

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 23.—The following letter has been received from the twenty-one workers now in the city jail, asking aid in their fight for better food. Included in the group are many of those who two weeks ago were on a hunger strike to force lowering of bail so they could be released. They are still held on the exorbitant bail of \$1,000 each.

Another is from A